

Revised: September 18, 2007

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**September 24, 2007
Room 3
Pecos River Village Conference Center
Carlsbad, New Mexico**

**September 25, 2007
Anderson Museum
Roswell, New Mexico**

Monday, September 24

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
- 10:05 a.m. **Welcome**
—Bob Forrest, Mayor of Carlsbad
- 10:20 a.m. **Building and Construction Trades Career Opportunities — Panel**
—Tom Garrity, Garrity Public Relations, LLC.
—Dick Wells, IBW Electric
—George Riley, UA Pipe
—Jerry Romero, NM Building Trades
—Steve Crespin, Mechanical Contractors Association
—Dave McCoy, Sheetmetal Contractors Association
- 11:20 a.m. **Building Trades Program**
—Kelly Green, Micro-Soft Academic Program Manager
—David Chavez, Superintendent, Loving Municipal Schools
—Doug Santo, Building Trades Program
- 11:45 p.m. **Bridging the Gap in Hospitality — New Mexico Pro-Start**
—Allison Kuper, New Mexico Restaurant Association
—Victor Martinez, New Mexico Restaurant Association
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Challenges of the Changing Energy Era**

—Art Hull, PNM

1:45 p.m. **The Future of Solar Energy in New Mexico**

—William Felsher, SkyFuels

2:15 p.m. **Department of Energy Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Proposal**

—Dr. David Kessel, Manager, Carlsbad Operations, Sandia National Laboratories

3:00 p.m. **WIPP Status and Plans**

—Dave Moody, Carlsbad WIPP Office Manager

3:30 p.m. **Tour of NMSU Agriculture Science Center at Artesia — Algae to Biodiesel Program**

—Doug Lynn, Interim Executive Director, Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, September 25

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**

9:05 a.m. **Welcome**

—Mayor Sam LaGrone, Roswell

—Bob Donnell, Chaves County Development Foundation

9:15 a.m. **Dairy Industry Update**

—Sharon Lombardi

9:40 a.m. **Economic Development and Renewable Energy Update**

—Sonia Phillips, Xcel Energy

—Mike McLeod, Xcel Energy

10:00 a.m. **Clean Energy Incentives and other Updates from the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)**

—Secretary Joanna Prukop, EMNRD

—Craig O'Hare, EMNRD

11:00 a.m. **Pumpjacks, Pits and Pay in the Oil Patch: Tour**

—Karin Foster, Director of Government Affairs, Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico

—Jeff Harvard, President, Harvard Energy

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**